

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4158

National Microfilm Week

September 23, 1972

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The development of microfilm technology has revolutionized the collection, retrieval, and dissemination of information, and the preservation and use of records. The industry which fostered that technology has brought great advances in efficiency and accuracy to the records of business, government, academic and cultural institutions, and other users.

Today, microfilm serves as an economical and efficient tool for banks, stores and other businesses, hospitals, schools, and libraries. It enables scholars and other researchers to expand their explorations into documentary sources without a commensurate increase in travel and other costs.

And it is invaluable to the Government, the largest single user of microfilm. For example, by maintaining social security records in microfilm, the Federal Government can keep such records up-to-date and readily accessible for fast and efficient service to our citizens. Through the use of microfilm, the National Archives and the Library of Congress can make documentary information available for research while, at the same time, they preserve original source materials which would deteriorate through heavy use.

Acknowledging the important contributions made by microfilm in the day-to-day life of America and the accomplishments of the microfilm industry, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 1193, has requested the President to designate the week which begins on September 24, 1972, as National Microfilm Week. I welcome the opportunity to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning September 24, 1972, as National Microfilm Week; and I invite the Governors

of the States and mayors or other appropriate local government officials to issue similar proclamations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4159

Veterans Day 1972

By the President of the United States of America

September 25, 1972

A Proclamation

As American troops return home from another distant conflict, and when, for the first time in this century, the hope is strong for a full generation of peace, it is particularly fitting that we should pay tribute to the veterans who have served our Nation's flag with honor.

No group has sacrificed more for the cause of peace and freedom than the men and women who have proudly worn the American uniform. In serving God and country, they have sought not glory for themselves, but peace and freedom for us all. As a Nation, we owe them an enduring debt.

Each year we choose a special day to salute them—to pay homage to the millions of quiet, undemanding heroes who have served so that other generations might be spared war's anguish and destruction.

Today, when their efforts are beginning to bear fruit, America should honor them with a very special salute. For they have expressed in their service much of what is finest in our Nation—courage, selflessness, discipline and devotion. These are qualities we will need as much to build a future at peace as we have needed in the past in time of war.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon all Americans to join in commemorating Monday, October 23, 1972, as Veterans Day with suitable observances. I urge all Americans especially to honor the memory of those who have fallen in battle, those of our veterans who lie in hospital beds today, and the brave men held prisoner or missing in action in Southeast Asia, and all their families and dependents. And let us also pledge to accord, not just on one day, but on each day, to the living veterans, especially the disabled, the traditional respect for those who risked their lives

82 Stat. 250.
5 USC 6103.